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*"With school budgets dwindling, without the P2 grant there would have been no way to fund the chemical safety training for staff nor the micro scale and green chemistry training for teachers."*

- Cathy DeShambo, Project Coordinator, Lansing Public Schools

## Community Pollution Prevention

### 2007 P2 Annual Report Addendum

The goal of the Community P2 Grant Program is to foster community partnerships and sustainability by bringing local government, businesses, planning agencies, and residents together to create change through pollution prevention. The program is funded by appropriations from unclaimed beverage container deposits.



In FY 2005, there were eleven grants awarded for a total of \$211,000 to fund School Chemical Cleanout Programs in Michigan. In FY 2006, nine additional schools were awarded grants totaling \$191,397. To date, these schools have safely disposed of nearly 8,000 pounds of school chemicals. The chemicals included a range of materials including motor oil, acids, explosives, and over 130 pounds of mercury. There are several schools that have only begun to dispose of their chemicals so these numbers will increase before the program ends in a year.

As part of the grant, all the schools are expected to implement purchasing and inventory programs that promote purchases of less toxic materials, and curriculums using less toxic materials, and that prevent the stockpiling of dangerous chemicals.

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*Science classrooms free of dangerous chemicals.*

